



February 2019

# The Werklund Wire

## Graduating Students Attend Biggest Education Career Fair to Date!

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the University of Calgary hosted 64 vendors for the biggest Education Career Fair the campus has seen so far. Employers from all over the world attended the all-day fair to meet - and even interview - our graduating students for Education-related positions world-wide!

We received excellent feedback from the vendors, stating that they were very impressed with our students, finding them to be well spoken and well prepared to discuss their strengths.

Additionally, one instructor even added that “one person shared that it was the one of the best recruiting events I have experienced!”

Well done to all attendees and organizers of the event – what a memorable way to showcase the incredible talent at the Werklund School of Education!



Reminder to register for WestCAST! This conference is an exciting professional development opportunity to **engage with other educators from across western Canada on important classroom topics**. Presentations and workshops will feature teachers, faculty members, and student teachers sharing useful tips and raising thoughtful questions about teaching and learning.

There will also be a **student social hosted by the ESA** on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Only people who are registered for the conference can attend this social, but it is a great opportunity to connect with other education students in Western Canada!

## Service Learning Success

For the past three years I have participated in the Service-Learning program, volunteering my time with various opportunities to bridge my two degrees of English and Education. My dream is to work alongside students to support them in English Language Arts, and so I chose to work with Calgary Reads. I specifically worked within their Wee Reads and Reading with English Language Learners programs, where I supported a wide range of students, from kindergarten to grade three. Working with Calgary Reads gave me the flexibility to figure out what kinds of values and teaching methods I would like take into my future classroom, each day making a larger impact not only on myself, but the students I got to work with.

What I valued the most about Service-Learning is the ability to foster connections with my schooling, and to be able to see the first-hand impact of working so closely with students every week. Being able to reflect on each individual experience with the different students I have worked alongside has made me feel more prepared to enter a classroom before pursuing my education years. Service-Learning has truly given me a unique opportunity to make these different connections, and I know will positively impact my work with students in the future.

Lisa Pham



## President's Corner



### Student Union Shout Out!

Are you a leader in the campus community? The Students' Union is looking for a WSE Representative for the 2019/20 academic year. The SU is a wonderful place to gain professional experience, connect with your faculty, and influence university policy.

If you're interested, official [nomination packages](#) must be dropped off in person at the SU office during nomination days, February 11 – 13, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Responsibilities include:

- Sitting on the Students' Legislative Council, which meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Organizing events for Werklund students
- Participating as a liaison for the Education Students' Association
- Sitting on Students' Union committees

Interested in becoming a Students' Union Elected Official? Email [educrep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:educrep@su.ucalgary.ca) for more information. Come be a part of an amazing community of student leaders!

Tina Miller

Hi Everyone!

To my fellow graduating students: can you believe that we are less than three weeks away from our final practicum? This is an incredible achievement for all Education students:

**February PD** sign up is open, so make sure that you sign up to get a spot at the ones you want! Don't forget that you need your ESA membership to attend any of our events and PDs, so stop by our office hours to get yours today! We are having a **give away**, so for every PD you sign up for and attend, you will be entered in that draw!

**Teachers' Convention cards** are available, for graduating students only, so make sure you stop by the office with your ESA card and student ID.

**Graduation** is coming up, so keep your eyes open and get ready to mark your calendar with our ESA Graduation event on June 4th!

If you are ever unsure of what is going on you can head to our [website](#) for all our information!

As always, make sure that you keep up to date with us on our social media pages: Facebook: [/esaucalgary](#); Instagram: [@ESAUCalgary](#). And of course, stop by our office during office hours to pick up your membership!

I am wishing our graduating students the best of luck in Field IV: almost there, team!

Until next month!

Sam

### Getting Involved!

As a Concurrent Education student, it can be hard balancing both Education and your co-degree. It can, however, be easy to feel disconnected from the Werklund community, but, there are ways to stay involved! During my Concurrent program, I joined the Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC) as a Program Coordinator. This allowed me to stay connected with the Werklund School of Education. The ECEC provided many learning opportunities through professional development opportunities, meetings, and even conversations with both students and faculty.

I also joined the Education Students' Association (ESA). My membership with both the ESA and ECEC allowed me to attend professional development opportunities that allowed me to learn about educational issues and strategies, despite not being in my Education courses. Maintaining that connection has helped me feel more prepared and confident about jumping back in to my Field Experiences, after having a year off. I strongly recommend getting involved with Werklund's various councils, volunteer opportunities, and professional development programs. This is really beneficial for all Education students, and I believe it better prepares everyone for this profession.

Sabrina Rizzuti